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UC Professor's
Defense of CIA

Raymond J. Sontag, professor emeritus of history at the University of California at Berkeley, disclosed yesterday that he worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1951 to 1953.

He made his "CIA-type surfacing," he said, because he was "nauseated" by remarks of UC student body President Dan McIntosh.

McIntosh was quoted in the

newspaper, the Daily Californian, on Tuesday as saying, "It is terrifying to know the CIA duped students and used them as spies."

SCANDAL

He was referring to the scandal that broke last week with the disclosure that CIA funds had financed overseas activities of the National Student Association.

Professor Sontag, who retired two years ago after 24 years on the Berkeley campus, replied to McIntosh's remarks in another Daily California letter published Wednesday.

His job with the CIA, Sontag said, had not been one of spying but one of preparing intelligence estimates for the National Security Council.

REACTION

He said he was "strongly negative" at first about CIA subsidies for NSA. But he said he became convinced the international activities of the group could not have been carried out without this support.

He concluded by saying that he had known many young men in the CIA who subsequently rose to positions of responsibility in other fields.

"They were not then and they are not now either dupes or morally depraved," he said.

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